

MEXICO WILL USE U. S. PLAN OF EDUCATION

University Elementary and High Schools Are Ideal, According to Prof. G. T. Quintero.

WEST AHEAD OF EAST Mexican Educator Sent Here On Investigation By National University of His Country.

"The schools of the West and the Middle West are far more progressive than those of the East," said Prof. G. T. Quintero, who has been here on a commission given him by the National University of Mexico to study the organization of a school in the United States.

Professor Quintero, while on his head of one of the divisions of the National University at Mexico, read of Dr. J. J. Meriam's system of education used in the University Elementary and the University High schools here.

Professor Quintero determined at that time to visit these schools and see the practical working out of the theories.

This is his opinion: "I was delighted with the situation I found in the Elementary School here. My intention now is to introduce this system into our primary and secondary schools, so far as it is applicable to the needs of our people when I return to my country next spring."

HARD TO GET RURAL TEACHERS

"We had a system somewhat like this when I was a boy. Later it was abandoned for the French system of pedagogy, the same is used by most of the schools in your country. Under it, the children sit with their hands folded, their faces front, and listen to the teacher talk. They are not permitted to talk and are supposed to be in a passive attitude. I am against slavery for children in any form. I want a system where the children will be the active ones and the teachers passive, as in the school here."

In a talk before seminar students in education at Doctor Meriam's home Friday night, Professor Quintero said that there is a need for American teachers in some of the Mexican schools. He told of the special difficulty in getting teachers for the rural schools.

"The Mexicans like the bright lights, the theaters and ball games of the city," he said in explanation of this difficulty. "There are sixty-two different Indian languages in Mexico, and our task here with the Indian children is to teach them Spanish. After they leave school they soon forget it, because they have no one to talk it to at home."

The three elements which have held Mexico under the yoke so long, as Professor Quintero sees it, have been the Spanish nobility, the church, which at one time owned about three-fourths of the property of the nation, and now the industrial conditions, which are under the control of a few wealthy people.

INVESTIGATES U. S. SCHOOLS
"The Mexicans really welcomed revolution every time it came because it has brought some reform that made their life more livable."

Professor Quintero, before he came to Columbia, was in Washington, D. C., studying the organization of the Bureau of Education there.

"Our intention in Mexico is to establish a department of education having a similar organization as that organized in the U. S. at present, before Congress establishing a separate department of education," he said.

Professor Quintero will leave here tomorrow for San Antonio and El Paso, Texas, where he will spend a few days before he returns to his own country.

TEA HOUND'S START HARD TRAINING FOR FIGHT WITH EXAMS

The Tiger basketball squad and the track team are training for the coming season, but the most arduous training at present time is in examinations. This training has become a most systematic. The training refines from all forms of distraction, as does a top athlete.

In days gone by he was unable to survive the night without a "handout" and a cup of coffee. Now he is too busy to spend the time and even gets up for breakfast. The idea of a sitting class is a remote possibility.

Another phase of the intense training period is the gathering of data as regards former examinations in this various courses. "Just how much does Prof. X count on this final?" "Did Prof. Z give you a hint?" are queries on the trainee's questioning. Still more diligent ones may inquire as to the number of questions or as to their nature. Anything that may lead to the slightest hint is considered a part of the training program.

The period of training depends upon the individual. The "student" has kept in condition throughout the year and therefore does not require the intensive training; the one who entered the race late has been in training for a couple of weeks, and is fast bounding into shape; but the "tea hound," ah! there's the rub. He will be the hardest lot, because for a solid week he will have to forego his lunches and his dates. He will do real training.

Has Memento of Gladstone.

A case made from a tree which William E. Gladstone, the British statesman, cut down on his seventy-fifth birthday is in the possession of Prof. Alva W. Taylor of the Bible College. The case was given to Professor Taylor because of his admiration of Gladstone, while he was visiting near Gladstone's home in Wales.

THE CALENDAR

December 15.—Open program by public speaking classes, University Auditorium, 4:30 p. m.

December 16.—Christian and Stephens colleges close for the holidays.

December 17.—Final fall term examinations begin.

December 22.—Fall term ends at 12 o'clock.

December 30-31.—Registration for the winter term.

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The Christmas exodus of students from Columbia will begin tomorrow when Stephens and Christian colleges begin their vacations. Heavy traffic is expected on all roads out of Columbia until the day before Christmas, and special cars will be provided to relieve the congested condition.

The Wabash will run a special train for Stephens College students, leaving Columbia at 10:45 a. m. tomorrow and arriving at Kansas City at 5:40 p. m. Two through Pullman cars and two chair cars will be attached to the 4:20 Wabash. Beginning tomorrow the M. K. & T. will add as many extra cars as are necessary to meet the demand of the students.

More freight cars will run from here to Moberly until after the rush is over. However, there is little heavy baggage transported from here at Christmas, for students take trunks with them, as the vacation period is so short.

Ticket agents are urging everyone leaving the city within the next week to buy tickets early. The usual line at the ticket window just before train time may be avoided in this way.

Many out-of-state University students are taking special examinations so that they may have two days extra vacation. Those from Arkansas, Illinois, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Iowa are planning to go home, although some of them will spend most of the holidays on the train. One student will go to Santa Barbara, Cal., although he will have only four days there before he must return. "It's worth the trip," he grins.

A few students whose homes are too far away will remain in Columbia. "It won't be so bad," a Louisiana girl remarked, "We can get all the sleep we want, and maybe run up to Kansas City for the week-end. I'm not dreading it at all."

The increase in railroad fare will keep some from going home, but most of them

are planning to visit relatives or friends in this part of the state.

No student boarding house is planning to serve a Christmas dinner to its regular guests, for "there wouldn't be any body to eat it," a landlady stated decidedly.

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MEETINGS

The Athenaeum Debating Society will hold its regular election of officers for the winter term at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening in Room A of the Y. M. C. A. Building. Important business matters will be discussed.

Arthur C. Ziegler to Chicago.

Arthur C. Ziegler, instructor in violin music at Stephens College and director of the Columbia Theater orchestra, left yesterday afternoon for Chicago where he will study violin at the Chicago Musical College under Leon Sametini. During his absence, Mrs. Ziegler will have charge of the Columbia Theater orchestra and will be assisted by H. E. Day, violinist from Minneapolis.

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